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TAGS: MOPS, PINS, CASC, CG

SUBJECT: SHABA ATTACK - SITREP 8 (MAY 22, 1978)

1. STATUS OF AMERICAN CITIZENS

A. THERE ARE TWO CHANGES TO REPORT.

THE WOUNDED AMERICAN CITIZEN REFERRED TO IN SITREP 7, WILLIAM STARKEY, HAS BEEN EVACUATED TO KINSHASA AND HAS RECEIVED APPROPRIATE MEDICAL ATTENTION FOR HIS MINOR WOUND. SECONDLY, MARIETTE HAAG (REPORTED MISSING IN SITREP 7) IS NOW KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN EVACUATED TO KINSHASA ON MAY 20. SHE IS BELIEVED TO HAVE CONTINUED ON TO BRUSSELS EARLY 21 MAY.

B. LONNIE GLEN REMAINS MISSING; THERE ARE UNCONFIRMED REPORTS THAT HE IS DEAD.

2. MEDICAL TEAMS HAVE BEGUN THE PROCESS OF IDENTIFYING THE ESTIMATED 100 OR MORE FOREIGN NATIONALS KILLED.

3. ESTIMATES OF FOREIGN NATIONALS EVACUATED FROM KOLWEZI RANGE FROM 2000 TO 2500. REPORTEDLY, VIRTUALLY NO FOREIGNERS EXCEPT MILITARY AND MEDICAL PERSONNEL REMAIN THERE.

W. MILITARY SITUATION. THE FIGHTING IS OVER FOR NOW IN KOLWEZI. THE FUNAL POCKET OF REBEL RESISTENCE IN CITE METALSHABA (EX-METALKAT) HAS BEEN CRUSHED BY THE FRENCH. ACCORDING TO BELGIAN REFUGEE SOURCES, HOWEVER, THOSE FIGHTING THE FRENCH AT CITE  
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METALSHABA WERE KOLWEZI YOUTHS WITH WEAPONS ABANDONED BY FAZ DURING THE FLNC OCCUPATION. IF SO, AN EVEN GREATER PERCENTAGE OF FLNC FORCES THAN REPORTED YESTERDAY MAY HAVE WITHDRAWN SUCCESSFULLY FROM KOLWEZI.

3. TROOP DEPLOYMENT.

A. HOSTILE FORCES. A SENIOR FRENCH STAFF OFFICER TOLD CHIEF ZAMISH THAT THE FLNC PUT UP MORE RESISTANCE THAN THE FRENCH EXPECTED. UNSYMPATHETIC BELGIAN MILITARY SOURCES CLAIM THAT THE FIRST 120 FRENCH PARAS WERE ALMOST IMMEDIATELY SURROUNDED BY REBEL FORCES AND SPENT A LONG NIGHT "SCREAMING LIKE PLEECATS" FOR REINFORCEMENTS.

A GERMAN PRIEST DESCRIBED THE INVADERS AS YOUNG, WELL ARMED AND EQUIPPED. HE RECOGNIZED TWO OF HIS FORMER STUDENTS FROM KASAJI AND BELIEVED THAT MOST OF THE REBELS CAME FROM KASAJI AND SANDOA, WITH A SPRINKLING OF KASAIANS AND ANGOLANS. HE SAW NO EVIDENCE OF CUBANS.

ACCORDING TO A BELGIAN EX-NCO REFUGEE, THE MOTORIZED UNIT MENTIONED IN EARLIER REPORTING WAS A COLLECTION OF CAPTURED FAZ TRUCKS AND PANHARD ARMORED CARS. THE FACT THAT SOME FLNC TROOPS SPOKE PORTUGUESE GAVE RISE TO THE MISTAKEN BELIEF THAT THEY WERE CUBAN.

B. ZAIRIAN FORCES.

BELGIAN REFUGEES STATED THAT THE FLNC ATTACK TOOK FAZ COMPLETELY BY SURPRISE EXCEPT AT HEADQUARTERS IN NEW TOWN, WHICH WAS THE ONLY SPOT WHERE FAZ MADE A STAND.

4. INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION. MAY 21 PASSED AS A NORMAL, QUIET SUNDAY IN KINSHASA WITH NO POLITICAL ACTIVITY REPORTED ANYWHERE IN THE CITY. LUBUMBASHI 0525 (NOTAL) REPORTED ON VICE CONSUL'S MAY 20 VISIT TO KOLWEZI. HIS OBSERVATIONS CONFIRMED MOST OF THE PREVIOUS REPORTS RECEIVED BY THE EMBASSY REGARDING THE DESOLATE ATMOSPHERE AND APPEARANCE IN KOLWEZI, ESPECIALLY IN THOSE AREAS PARTICULARLY HARD HIT BY THE FIGHTING. ALSO REPORTED WAS THE AVOWED DETERMINATION OF THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE EXPATRIATES EVACUATED FROM KOLWEZI NOT TO RETURN.

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5. PRESS GUIDANCE. NO CHANGE.

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6. DOMESTIC PRESS COVERAGE.

A. DOMESTIC REPORTING HAS BEEN MUCH MORE FORTHCOMING THAN DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK. FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE KOLWEZI WAS INVADED ZAIRIAN RADIO HAS BROADCAST INTERVIEWS PREPARED BY THE FRANCE-INTER CORRESPONDENT FOR BROADCAST IN FRANCE AND RECORDED IN KINSHASA.

B. KINSHASA TV SATURDAY EVENING CARRIED FILMED REPORTING OF PRESIDENT MOBUTU'S VISIT TO KOLWEZI WITH EDITORIALIZING MIXED INTO THE NEWS REPORTS. EDITORIAL COMMENT CONTINUES TO CRITICIZE SOVIET, LIBYAN, AND ALGERIAN PARTICIPATION AND RECENT FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS' REPORTS THAT CUBANS WERE PARTICIPATING IN THE INVASION HAVE BEEN PICKED UP AND REPLAYED LOCALLY.

C. THE MAY 22 EDITION OF "ELIMA" CARRIES AN INTERVIEW OF MOBUTU BY THE HEAD OF THE ZAIRIAN NEWS SERVICE (AZAP) WHICH ADDRESSES THE QUESTION OF BELGIAN FORMIN SIMONET'S STANCE TOWARD THE EVENTS IN KOLWEZI. THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES AS FOLLOWS:

"IT HAS BEEN LEARNED FROM A BRUSSELS SOURCE THAT MR. SIMONET'S EQUIVICAL ATTITUDE STEMS FROM HIS DESIRE TO HUMOR AT ANY COST THE SOCIALIST CAMP -- PARTICULARLY CUBANS, ANGOLANS AND RUSSIANS -- IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AFFAIR DUE TO HIS UPCOMING VISIT TO ANGOLA.

"ONE WONDERS THEN IF MINISTER SIMONET WILL NOT TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIS VISIT TO LUANDA IN JUNE TO CONGRATULATE THE ASSASSINS OF THE BELGIAN FAMILIES IN KOLWEZI, ASSASSINS WHO ARE PRESENTLY IN ANGOLA AND TO DRINK WITH THEM NOT A GLASS OF CHAMPAGNE, BUT A GLASS OF BLOOD -- THE BLOOD OF THE INNOCENT BELGIAN VICTIMS," THE ZAIRIAN AGENCY CONCLUDED.

D. ZAIRIAN NEWS BROADCAST AT 0600 LOCAL TIME MAY 22 REPORTED

THAT PRESIDENT MOBUTU HAD ORDERED ZAIRE'S BANKS TO PAY GOZ'S  
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OVERDUE DEBTS TO THE UNITED STATES. IT WENT ON THAT ZAIRE'S PRESIDENT HAD BEEN TOLD THAT THE US CONGRESS DEMANDED THE PRIOR SETTLEMENT OF THESE DEBTS AS A CONDITION FOR THE US TO GRANT THE MILITARY CREDITS REQUIRED BY ZAIRE TO COMBAT THE REBELS. IMMEDIATELY UPON LEARNING THIS, ZAIRE'S PRESIDENT, "OUT OF CONCERN FOR THE NATION'S DIGNITY," ORDERED THE BANKS IN ZAIRE TO STOP CERTAIN VITAL IMPORTS IN ORDER TO PAY THE NEARLY 464,000, REPRESENTING THOSE OVERDUE DEBTS AS INCREASED BY INTEREST. THERE IS ALSO AN AFP ITEM ON FOREGOING.

7. DIPLOMATIC ACTIVITY.

A. CUBAN FOREIGN RELATIONS MINISTRY REPORTEDLY RELEASED A COMMUNIQUE MAY 20 REPEATING CATEGORICAL DENIAL OF CHARGES THAT CUBA WAS IN ANYWAY LINKED TO FORCES FIGHTING IN SHABA.

B. MOBUTU HAS DISPATCHED ROVING AMBASSADOR LENGEMA TO KHARTOUM, CAIRO, TUNIS, AND LAGOS TO EXPLAIN ON DEVELOPMENTS IN SHABA. LENGEMA HAS JUST RETURNED MAY 19 FROM SIMILAR MISSION TO LIBREVILLE. ZAIRIAN PRIME MINISTER, MPINGA KASENDA, ALSO LEFT ZAIRE MAY 20 ON DIPLOMATIC MISSION. HE IS TO REPRESENT MOBUTU AT WHAT ZAIRIAN PRESS DESCRIBED AS "FRANCO-ZAIRIAN" CONFERENCE OPENING IN PARIS MAY 22.

C. MALIAN HEAD OF STATE MOUSSA TRAORE, DURING STOPOVER IN CASABLANCA, EXPRESSED HIS SUPPORT FOR ZAIRE AND BELIEF THAT SUCH INCIDENTS AS SHABA INVASION WERE THREAT TO ALL OF AFRICA. PRESIDENT EYADEMA OF TOGO EXPRESSED SIMILAR SENTIMENTS UPON HIS RETURN TO LOME, AS DID PRESIDENT SENGHOR OF SENEGAL DURING HIS VISIT TO FRANCE.

SENGHOR ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT IN RESPONSE TO OAU CHAIRMAN BONG'S APPEAL,

HE WILL SEND A REPRESENTATIVE TO ZAIRE TO IDENTIFY THAT COUNTRY'S NEEDS, ADDING THAT SENEGAL IS PREPARED TO SUPPLY MILITARY VEHICLES. THE IVORY COAST ANNOUNCED MAY 20 THAT IT WILL SEND SEVERAL TONS OF PROVISIONS AND MEDICINES TO AID PEOPLE OF SHABA.

D. NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY REPORTED THAT ON MAY 19 MORE THAN 1,000 CITIZENS OF THE CENTRAL AFRICAN EMPIRE DEMONSTRATED IN BANGUI IN

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SUPPORT OF ZAIRE AND TO CONDEMN SOVIET MERCENARY INVASION OF SHABA.

E. ZAIRE HAS SENT LETTER TO SECRETARY GENERAL WALDHEIM OF THE UN DENOUNCING INVASION OF SHABA BY "MERCENARIES INSTIGATED BY THE SOVIET UNION AND CUBA." LETTER REPORTEDLY ALSO STATES THAT ZAIRE BEARS NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL CONSEQUENCES

THAT MAY RESULT FROM THIS SITUATION.

8. PETROLEUM SITUATION.

A. TANKER REPORTED IN SITREP 2 AS DUE TO LAND MAY 20 AT MATADI HAS ARRIVED. IT HAS NOT YET STARTED PUMPING POL AS OF 1900 LOCAL TIME MAY 21. IF IT WERE TO COMMENCE PUMPING THAT NIGHT OR EARLY MORNING OF MAY 22, POL COULD START ARRIVING IN KINSHASA MORNING OF MAY 23.

B. FAZ HAS HAD KEROSENE PREVIOUSLY DELIVERED TO KINSHASA DISTRIBUTORS COLLECTED AGAIN AND SENT TO NDJILI FOR AIRCRAFT USE. TOTAL AMOUNT TO BE GATHERED BY THIS MEANS IS ESTIMATED AT 1000 CUBIC METERS.  
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